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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:Please amend claims 10, 21, 22-24, 25, 26, and 27-32 as follow:
(Non-amended claims included for reference purposes only)

(Amended) 110. A method [for controlling, via data network, a first network device using a virtual interface associated with a second network device] for using a virtual interface associated with a second network device to control, via a data network, a first network device, the method comprising:

binding the virtual interface with a selected physical interface, said selected physical interface comprising a communication link to the first network device;

receiving, at the virtual interface, a first command instruction for controlling at least one operational aspect of the first network device;

generating a command message, according to a predetermined protocol, using information from the a first command instruction; and

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